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Welcome to the second issue of the Bolton Wanderers' Yearbook. The first publication was very well received and we hope you find this season's yearbook to be just as interesting. In the following pages you will find articles and photographs covering all the Wanderers' stars and personalities plus a special look at the Burnden Park backroom team, an article by manager Ian Greaves and a full and detailed statistical survey covering the Club's retention of its first division status.

We hope that this yearbook will bring you closer to the Burnden Park stars and we welcome your thoughts and comments on future issues. Although the facts and figures section covers the 1978/79 season, something many supporters have asked for in order to bring their own records up to date, we have also included this season's fixtures.

As Ian Greaves has pointed out, everyone seemed satisfied that we were able to consolidate our new status last season. However, the recent strengthening of the first team pool will, we hope, lead to greater things this season, although, as our manager has said, we must remember to be patient.

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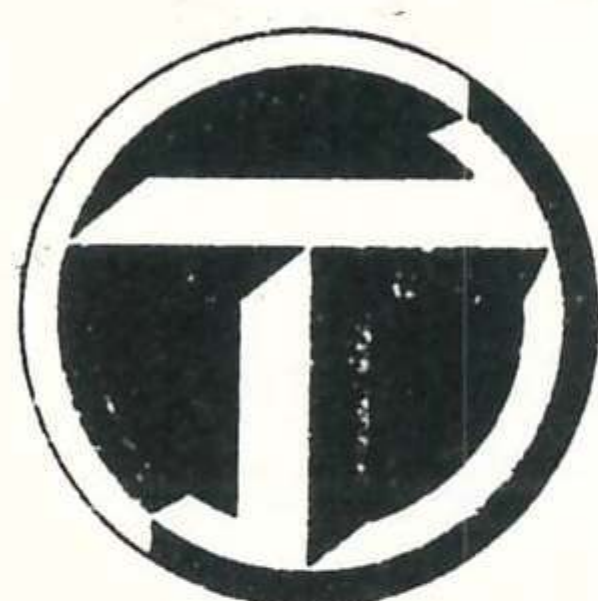
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Ian Greaves

LAST season saw us fight to a respectable position in our first season back in the First Division. After 14 years in the Second and Third Divisions I think 17th position in the League was reasonable - especially when you consider the alarming injury list we had at the beginning of the season.

We had players in and out of the side as we battled to establish ourselves in a League we had grafted so hard to become part of. After those near misses of the previous seasons we were so determined to do well, but injuries were a major worry to us.

Our biggest injury problem of course was the lost of Peter Reid who suffered a serious knee injury on New Year's Day in a game against Everton at Burnden Park - a game which was eventually abandoned and had to be replayed.

It was a cruel blow to the team and to Peter himself, because in this boy we have the makings of a future England International. He has already skippered the England Under 21 side and when we came up into the First Division he was regarded as one of the best midfield men in the country. Unfortunately for him and for us he only managed to play 14 games in Division One last season.

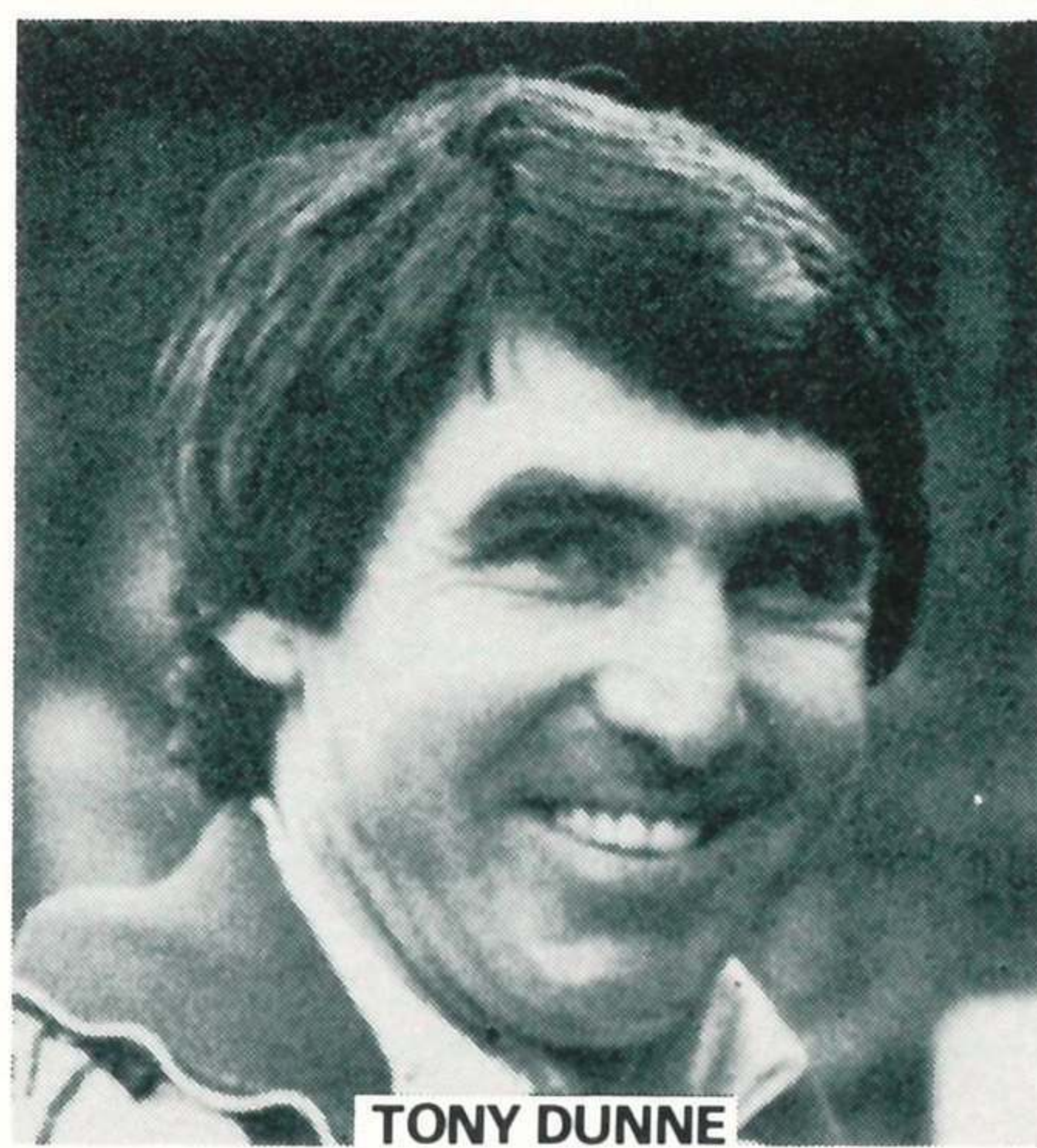
Peter has worked hard to get back into action and will be back in Bolton colours soon to give everyone the benefit of his undeniable talents.

Last season let us know in no uncertain terms that life at the top would not be easy, either on the field or in cash terms. Financially things have been inflated even more in the last six months with the £1½ million transfer. This, together with the new contract for players means an even bigger strain on the club's purse strings.

Our gates last season were down on the previous promotion year, even though we were playing the Manchester Uniteds and the Liverpools.

As the season drew to a close, I asked the board to back me in taking the risk of going beyond our means at the bank to sign two new players.

Earlier in the season we had already bought Neil McNab from Spurs for a fee that was around the £250,000 mark, and we even went behind the Iron



TONY DUNNE

Curtain to sign Tadeusz Nowak from Legia Warsaw. I felt that two more signings were necessary so we splashed out for Dave Clement and Len Cantello - two very talented players indeed.

There was a great deal of risk involved in bringing these two players to Burnden Park. The aim was for them to improve performances on the field and bring better results and bigger gates. With a dozen or so games gone now, this has so far failed to pay off, but I do not regret taking the risk.

I don't want to hide away from our poor results to date, but we just haven't had the breaks since we came up into the Big League. I don't mean this as an excuse, but look at what Nottingham Forest did under Brian Clough and Peter Taylor. Everything went right for them, but for every Nottingham Forest, there are more like us who have to have guts and patience before getting it right.

Being the realist I am, I know that a club like Bolton Wanderers cannot compete with our big city neighbours financially in terms of gate receipts, but we have to compete with them on the field. Last season we did the 'double' over Manchester United and this season we have drawn twice in the League with Liverpool, much of the credit for which must go to my assistant, Stan Anderson.

These results show that we can compete on the field, but it takes a lot of hard work which we are all prepared to put in. The Directors want success, the players want success and so do I.

But it means we have to work harder on the field and on the commercial side. Alf Davies, our commercial manager, and I know this success can be achieved.

There is still a lot to do before we can claim we have "arrived" in the First Division. It is going to take a programme of short, medium and long-term planning.

In the short term we have to improve results on the field each and every Saturday. The medium term means careful buying and selling, even though we know we cannot compete at the top of the transfer market.

Occasionally when finances permit, we can pay out for the higher priced players such as Neil McNab and Len Cantello, but the policy also involves selling players. Last season we sold Ray Train to Watford and Garry Jones went to Blackpool, and just before the start of the current campaign Brian Smith also joined Blackpool. All three had given tremendous service but in each case the time was right for a move.

Our long-term policy calls for renewed efforts to produce quality players for first team selection through our scouting and coaching of our reserve and 'A' teams - players like David Burke and Chris Thompson, who have come to the fore recently and Mike Walsh, Peter Reid, Neil Whatmore, Paul Jones and Sam Allardyce before them. This is where our coaches, Walter Joyce and John Pickering, come in and our chief scout, Jim Conway.

All this takes hard work and patience. I was under pressure last season for instance to play David Burke every game to give him the experience instead of playing Tony Dunne, who after an astonishing career in League football decided to call it a day. I gave David the odd game and I think we are now seeing the fruits of that patience, because David is developing into a fine player.

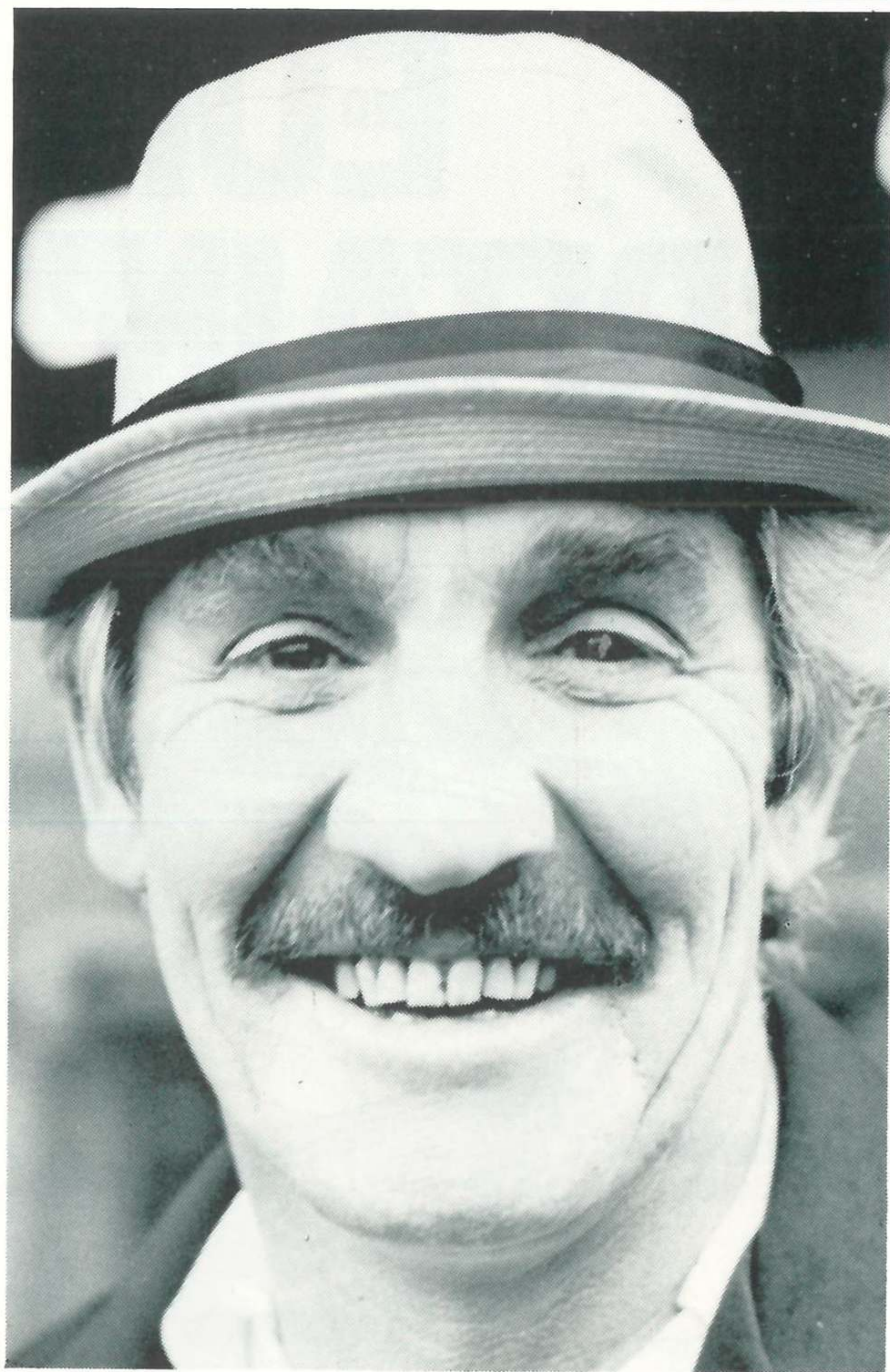
Chris looks like following the same path, so you see how important it can be to develop your younger players in the right way and to introduce them to the strains of League football at the right time.

As I have said, everyone at this club wants success and we are all prepared to do our damndest to make sure that success will come our way.

My aims for this club are sky high and I can promise you that if hard work and effort are anything to go by, then that is where we are heading.



Ian Greaves (above), as we all know him and (below) in a light-hearted moment.





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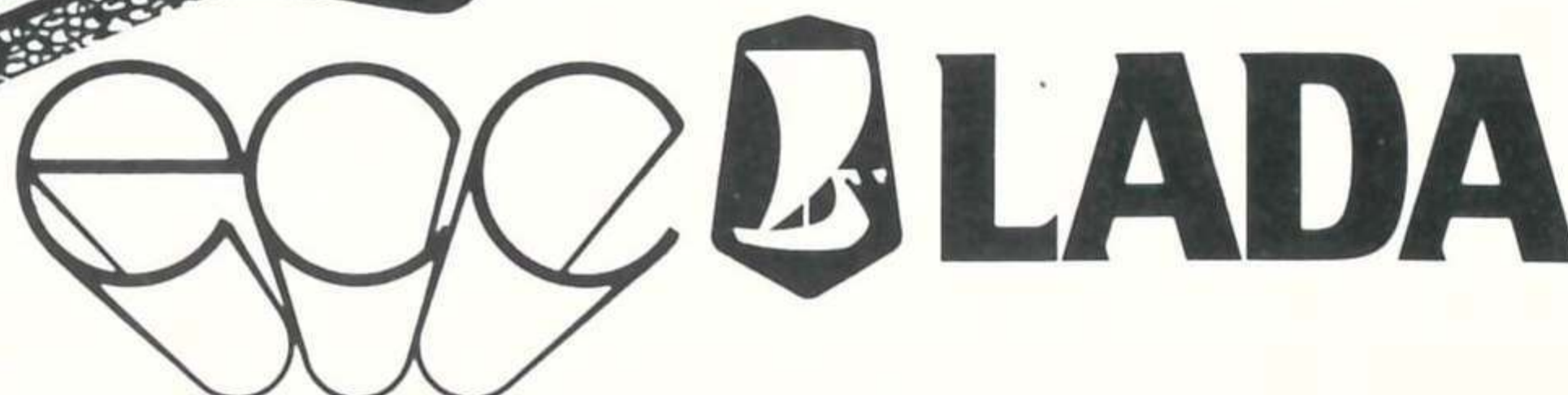
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THE TROTTERS BACK-UP TEAM

BEHIND every successful football club is a hard-working team of back-room staff whose job is to coach, advise, treat and train the players, not only the established stars of the first team squad, but the youngsters setting out at the start of their careers in the game.

The backroom team Ian Greaves has gathered around himself over the past couple of years boasts three former Football League club managers, a shrewd and talented chief scout and one of the best respected physiotherapist/trainers in the game.

The manager is a firm believer in delegating work to his coaches, but the men themselves must be experts in their own field.

Assistant manager Stan Anderson is his right hand man. Stan is so experienced, in fact, that unlike many of the so-called manager partnerships in football, he can take over the reins when the boss is away. Such are the demands on a First Division manager that often he gets embroiled in desk work, finance, dealing with the media, or being called away on scouting

business. An accomplished assistant is therefore a must.

Being in the hot seat, so to speak, is nothing new to Stan Anderson. He had eleven years in football management before joining Wanderers in November last year when George Mulhall left to take over as boss at Bradford City.

As a hard-tackling full-back, Stan won schoolboy international honours and went on to win full England caps while at Sunderland. He moved to Middlesbrough in his later playing days and stayed on there to become manager. After seven years in management at Ayresome Park, he took charge of Doncaster Rovers where he remained for four years before joining Bolton.

Another man who spent many happy years at Middlesbrough is Jim Headrige - the man who treats those strains and pulls which can so often cause footballers great pain and many weeks out of action.

Jim joined the Burnden Park staff in the Summer of last year when he took over from Bert Sproston. A "canny"

Scot, Jim is an authority on the treatment and diagnosis of soccer injuries and is the Football Association's regional instructor on the subject.

He spent ten years at Ayresome Park where he worked with the former England doctor. Before being recruited by Ian Greaves, Jim spent a year in Saudia Arabia coaching and working on the medical side of the game. Wherever he goes, he is looking to "spread the word" on the importance of the medical aspect and has been instrumental in setting up the North West Regional Medical Society for the FA.

With transfer fees ever-increasing, the less wealthy clubs such as Bolton Wanderers need to place even greater emphasis on producing their own players. In this sphere, coaches Walter Joyce and John Pickering play a vital role.

Walter joined Wanderers in December 1977. A full-back with Burnley, Blackburn and Oldham, he has coached at every level in the game. He was senior coach at Huddersfield, assistant manager at Crewe, manager at Rochdale and a coach at Oldham where he gained a reputation for playing a big part in the development of young players.

This he continues to do at Burnden Park where he is the youth development coach. He is in charge of the youngsters on the staff and it is only in the years to come that we shall see the fruits of his work.

John Pickering's role is linked very much with that of Walter Joyce's but in a wider sense.

He was the man brought in last summer as the man responsible for technique coaching. His role was described by Ian Greaves as "unique" in football. It is his job to help players, both young and old to develop or brush up on certain skills or techniques.

But in addition to this, Ian Greaves has put to use John's experience in the game. Former manager and coach at Blackburn Rovers, John is an FA Coach and is the ideal man to send on "spying missions" to weigh up future opposition.

Again with the high cost of the transfer market in mind, who better than a shrewd Scot to have in charge of the club's scouting network.

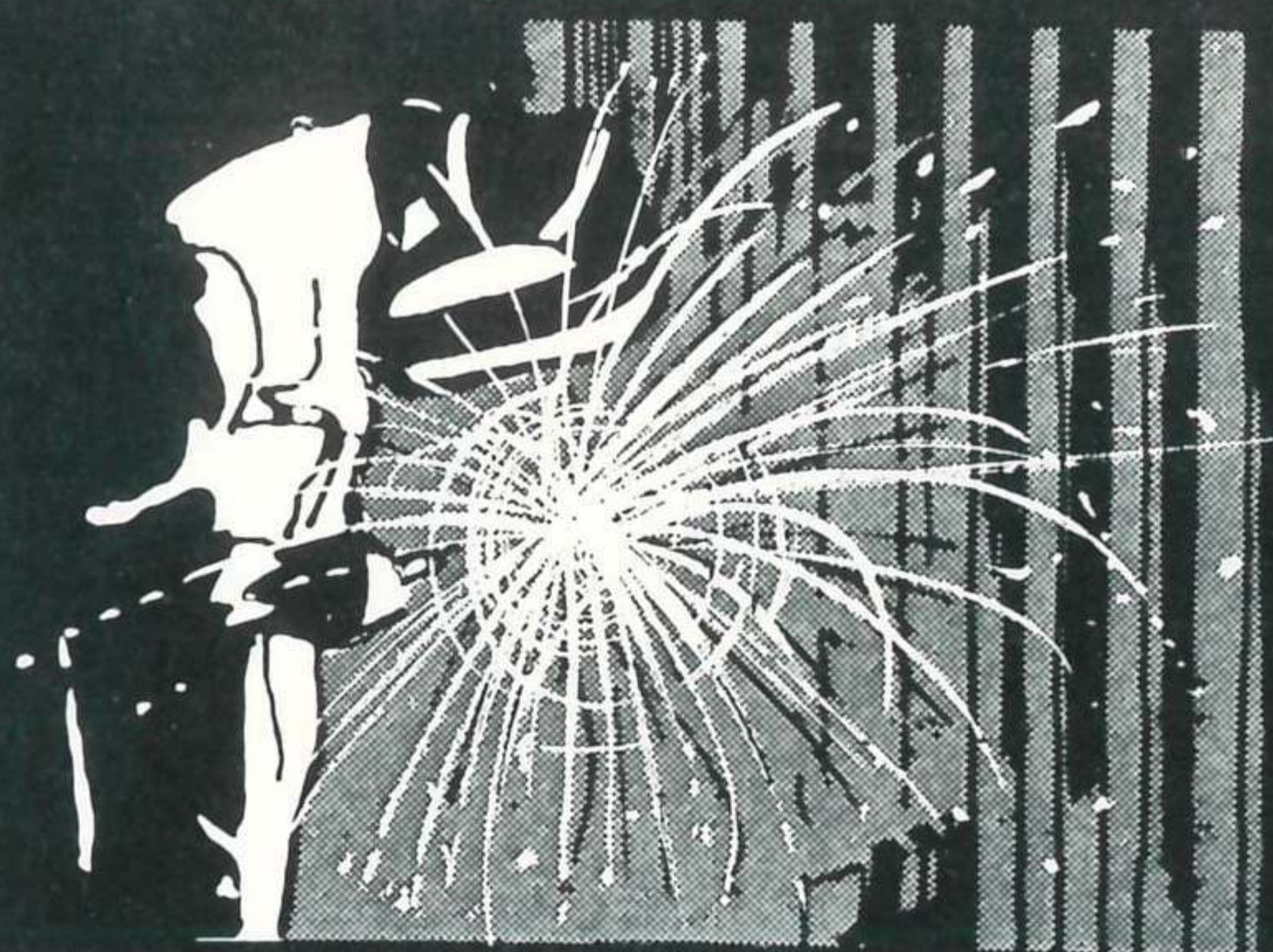
Jim Conway, Bolton's Chief Scout is the longest serving of Ian Greaves back-up men. He is in his thirteenth season at Burnden Park, coming to the club after a spell as player-manager with Portadown, Northern Ireland.

He covers countless miles in a season searching for players who might fit the bill. He sees hundreds of matches and is in constant contact with the club's scouts throughout the British Isles and the continent, always on the look-out for players to add to either the professional or youth ranks.

Ian Greaves' right-hand men are (left to right) Jim Headrige, Stan Anderson, Walter Joyce and John Pickering.



JIM CONWAY

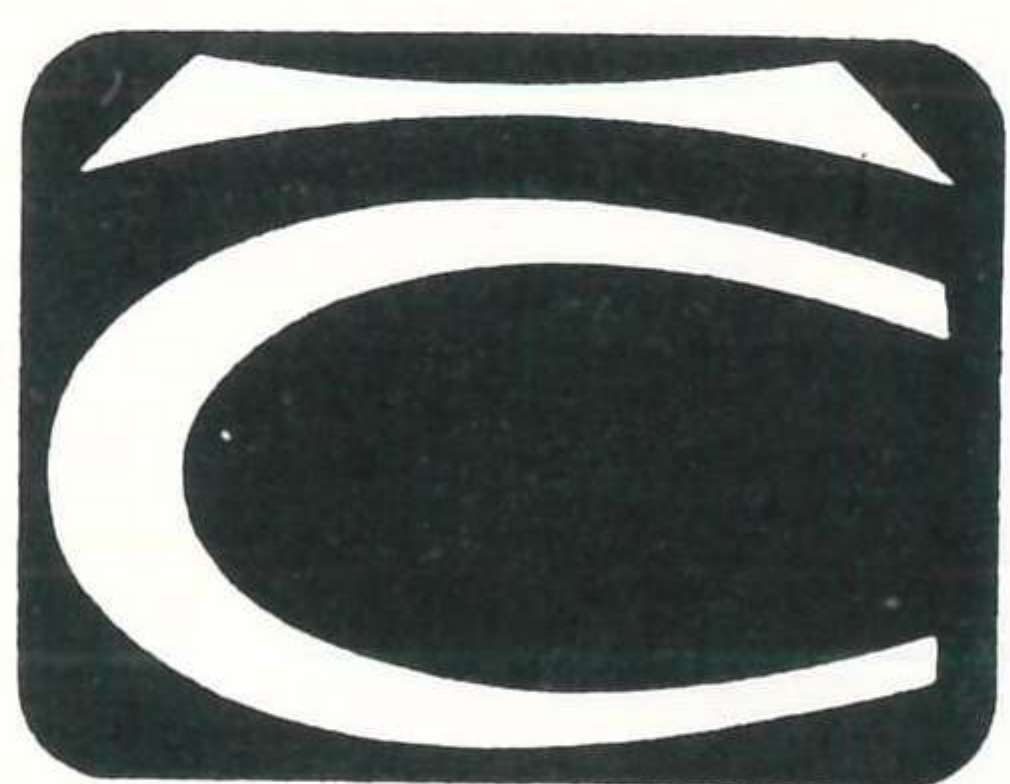


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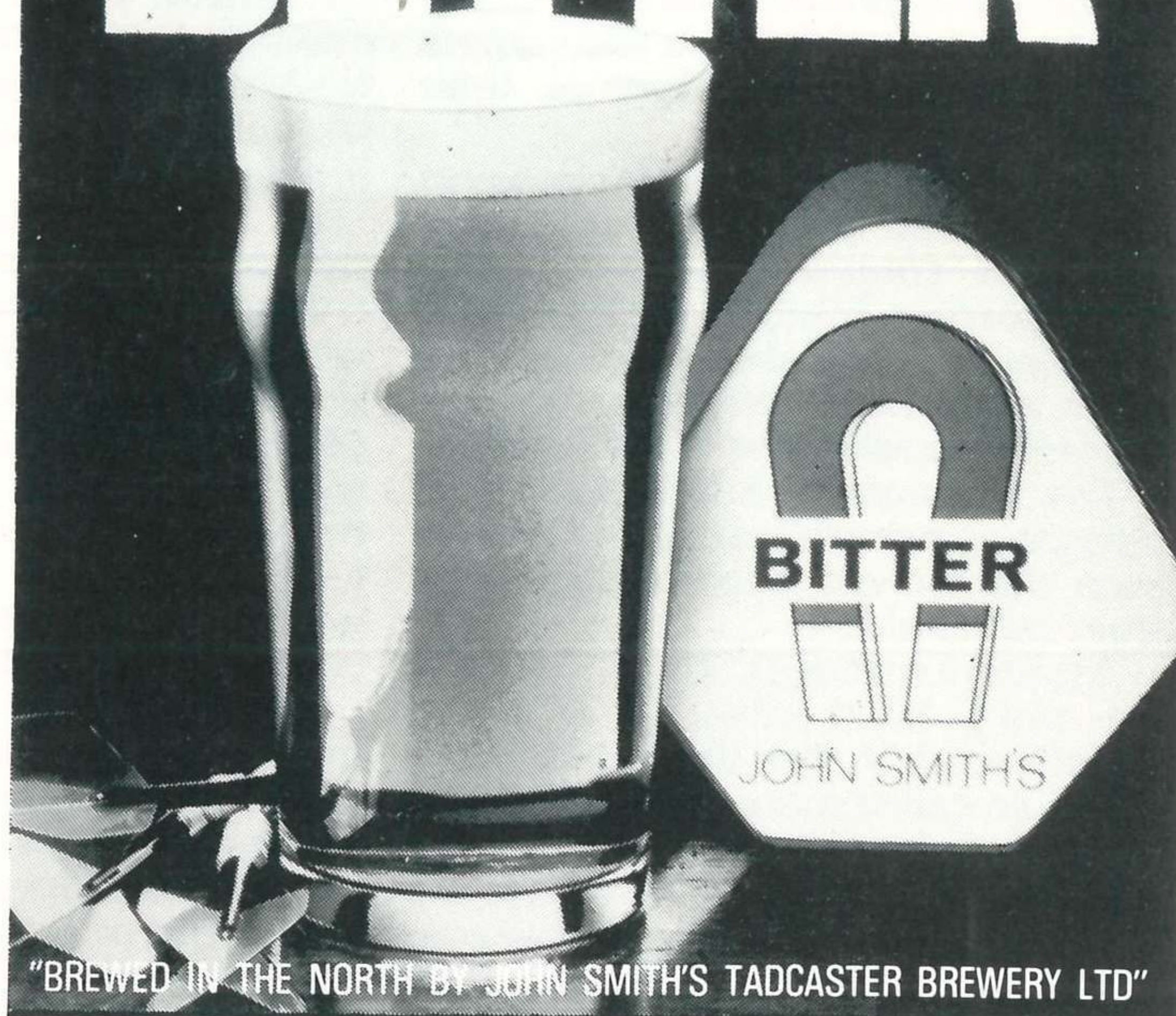
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THE NEWCOMERS

The Bolton playing staff has undergone a major change from the one that earned promotion for the Wanderers back in 1978.

Ray Train was transferred to Watford, where his midfield contribution helped Elton John's side to promotion from Division Three, Brian Smith moved on to Blackpool, while the ageless veteran Tony Dunne decided to call it a day and went with the good wishes of everyone at Burnden to a new career in America.

To compensate Bolton moved into the transfer market and spent over £¾m on four players - Neil McNab, Len Cantello, Dave Clement and Tadeusz Nowak.

McNab joined the Wanderers from Spurs where Bolton manager Ian Greaves had long been impressed by the midfield skills of the Scottish under 23 international. His terrier style tackling and eye for the opening quickly helped him forget the £250,000 price tag which Bolton had paid for his services and his brief link up with Peter Reid, before Reid was injured, looked a promising partnership. Unfortunately Reid's long road to recovery has meant that McNab has had to slot in with a variety

of partners yet has made the transition with ease, mainly because of his undoubted class and ability.

To strengthen midfield Wanderers also broke their own transfer record when they signed Len Cantello from West Bromwich Albion.

Cantello cost Bolton £350,000 and although he took time to settle and had problems with a couple of nagging injuries, he looks to be a sound investment for the future. A strong tackler and with the vision to spot the opportunity, Cantello has tenacious skill to offer the Wanderers and once he has become fully integrated into the side's pattern he will undoubtedly be a force to be reckoned with.

Cantello and McNab hope to forge the link that can put Bolton on the road to success and their link-up is a major part of Bolton's plans for consolidating a position among the First Division's elite.

The third player to arrive at Burnden Park during the summer was Dave Clement, an England international who came from Queens Park Rangers for a £150,000 fee. Clement is London born and bred and was with Rangers for the whole of his soccer

career, so his move to Burnden was a thoughtfully worked out decision that he hopes will pay off by bringing success to the Wanderers.

An outstanding defender, whose class and ability is unquestioned, Clement has shown determination and skill in his brief time with the club. His total understanding and knowledge of the game has prompted Ian Greaves without hesitation to nominate Clement as captain in the absence of regular club skipper Roy Greaves. This acceptance of responsibility has had a beneficial effect on the rest of the side, especially the younger players, who have come to respect the wide experience the defender has gained from his years in the game.

Tadeusz Nowak hasn't got the easiest name to remember but Tad, as the players and fans know him, has done enough to show he is as much at home in English football as he was in his native Poland.

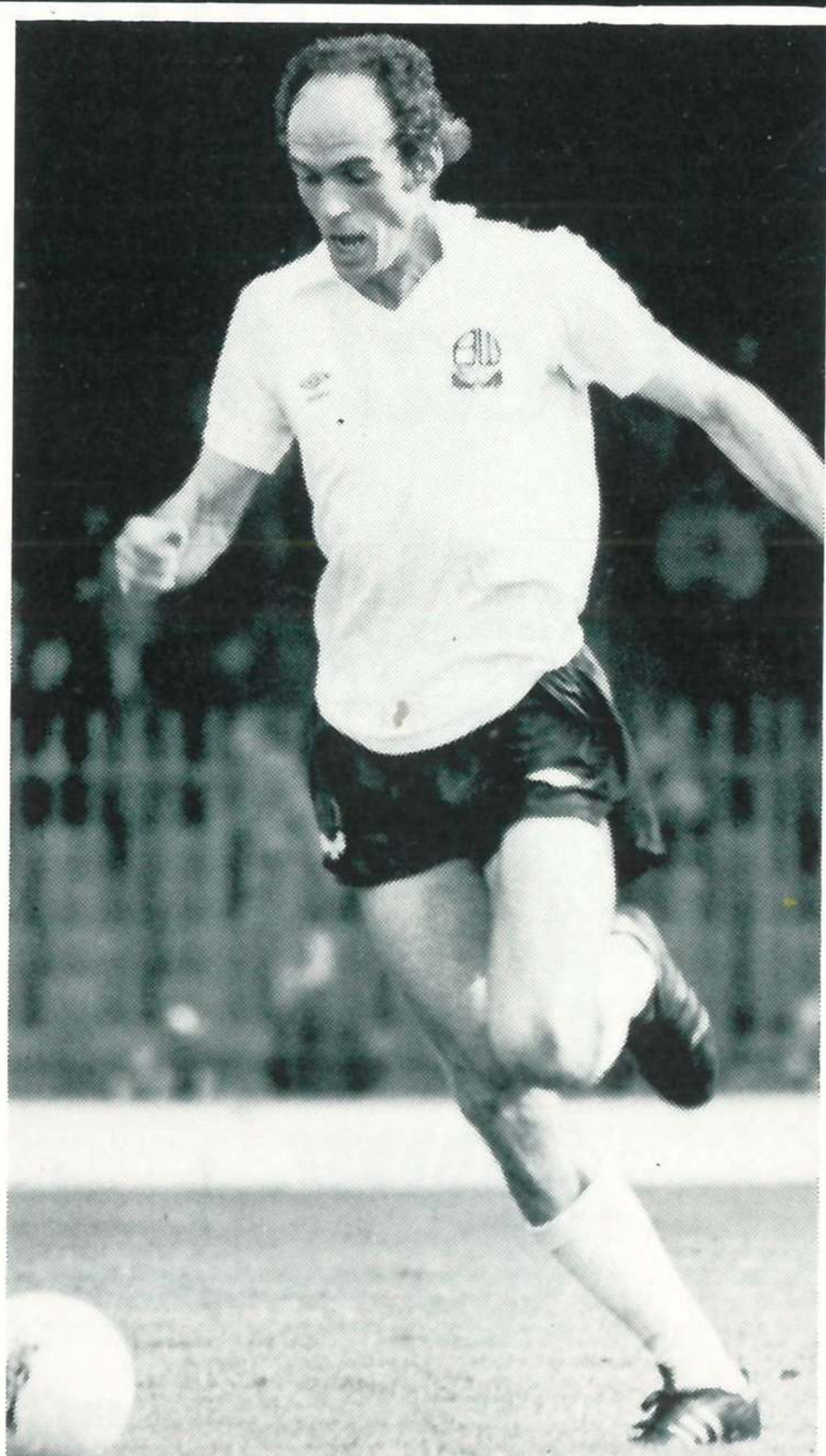
An adventurous and exciting wingman, Tad is never afraid to take on defenders and also has a cannonball shot that has tested many goalkeepers even in the short time he has been in this country.



Neil McNab in a moment of elation



Len Cantello leapfrogs Dave Clement in training



Tad Nowak displays his wing skills

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Commercial Manager Alf Davies and his assistant Andrea Costello.

FIVE years ago Bolton Wanderers' commercial department consisted of newly-appointed commercial manager Alf Davies and one secretary. The club's lottery in those days had a weekly turnover of around £900.

Today, the department has a staff of around 30 and last season made a profit of £233,000, reducing the club's overall loss to £285,000. The lottery brings in almost £20,000 a week - and that is the maximum allowed by law. This year the lottery is expected to gross an incredible £1 million.

These are the hard facts of business which is becoming more and more important as town clubs like Bolton Wanderers strive to compete with their affluent big city neighbours.

Enterprise and a great deal of hard work have put Wanderers in the big league commercially and only recently officials from Liverpool came to Burnden Park for advice on running a lottery.

"We take pride in the fact that Liverpool came to us for advice," Mr Davies said. "If that's not a compliment I don't know what is."

The lottery is the department's biggest money-spinner by far, but there are other sides to Bolton Wanderers' Development Association.

Ground advertising brings in £50,000 a year; match sponsorship by local firms and businesses bring in £15,000 and kit sponsorship nets around £10,000. The recently formed Executive Club is expected to make a profit of more than £10,000 this year, whilst other income comes from match ball sponsorship, programme advertising and the "Happy Shop", which does a thriving trade in Wanderers' souvenirs.

Wanderers are also creating a group of followers, appealing to the youngsters, with the Junior Whites Club which boasts a membership of well over 800. Meetings are held regularly, with various activities

Geoff Street - 'Happy Shop' manager.



planned throughout the year to keep the kids occupied and involved in Bolton Wanderers.

Cash raised from the commercial ventures is being put to the best possible use - improving facilities at Burnden Park.

This is where the club is taking a leaf out of the Americans' book. Recent visits to the United States taught Mr Davies a lot about the need to provide better facilities for the paying public. Regardless of the standard of football, the Americans leave us well behind when it comes to making the fans comfortable and this is one of the club's main aims.

Mr Davies says: "We are in the entertainment business just like the American clubs. But where they have the edge on us is that they have the basics right. They ensure that the little things are done properly and when that is done the big things are handled with the same care."

"The standard of football over there may not be all that good but the standard of provision for the spectators leaves us far behind. I don't go for all the razzamatazz that the American clubs go in for, but giving the paying customer value for money is our top priority."

With the full backing of the Board of Directors, the commercial department is working at full pace to take Bolton Wanderers into the 1980s, which promises to be every bit as prosperous as the '70s.

Junior Whites pictured before a trip to the Blackpool Illuminations.

BOLTON WAND



BACK ROW (left to right): Paul Jones, Chris Thompson, Peter Nich
Sam Allardyce, Dave Cleme
FRONT ROW: Neil McNab, Tad. Nowak, Dave Burke

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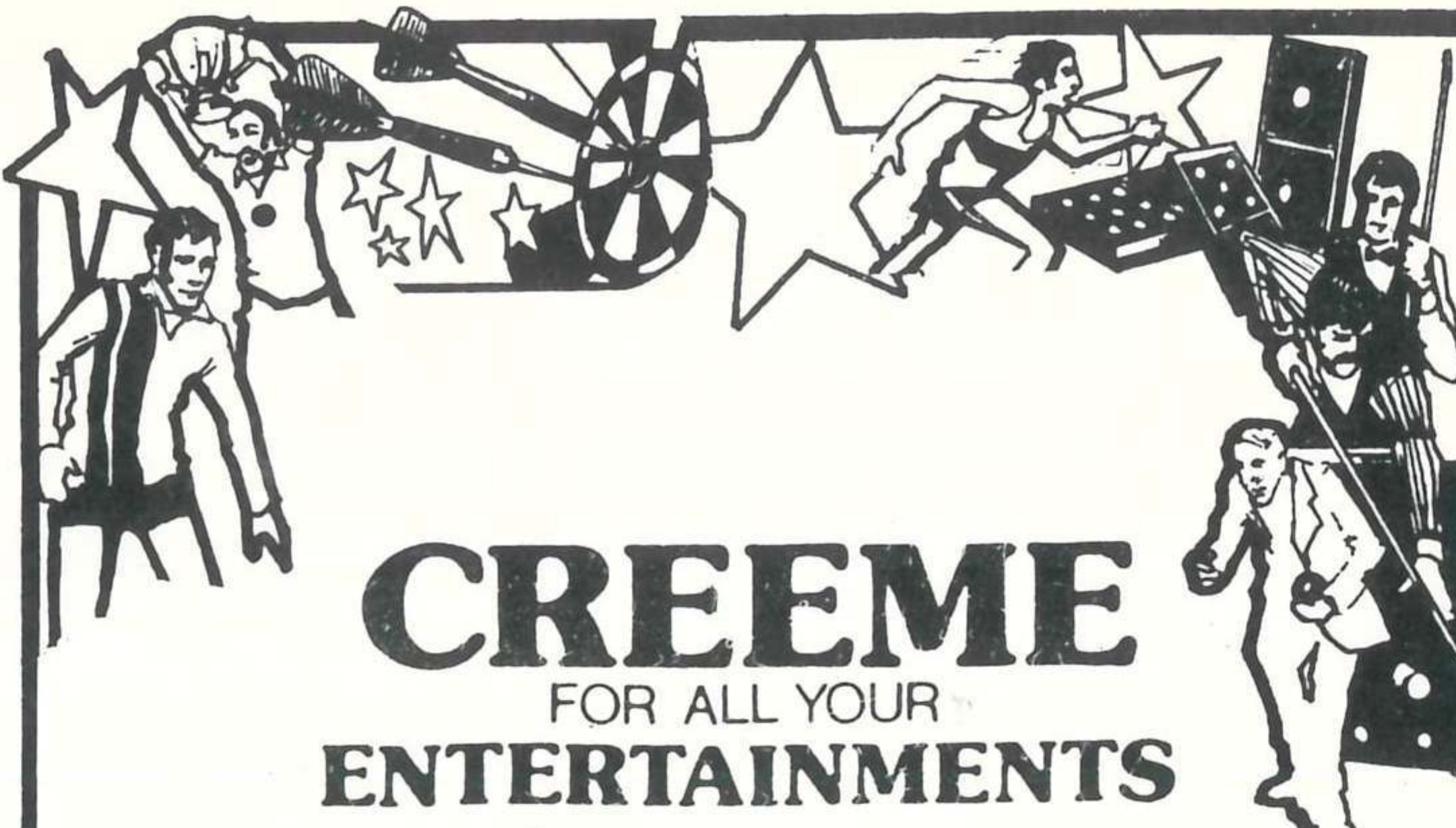
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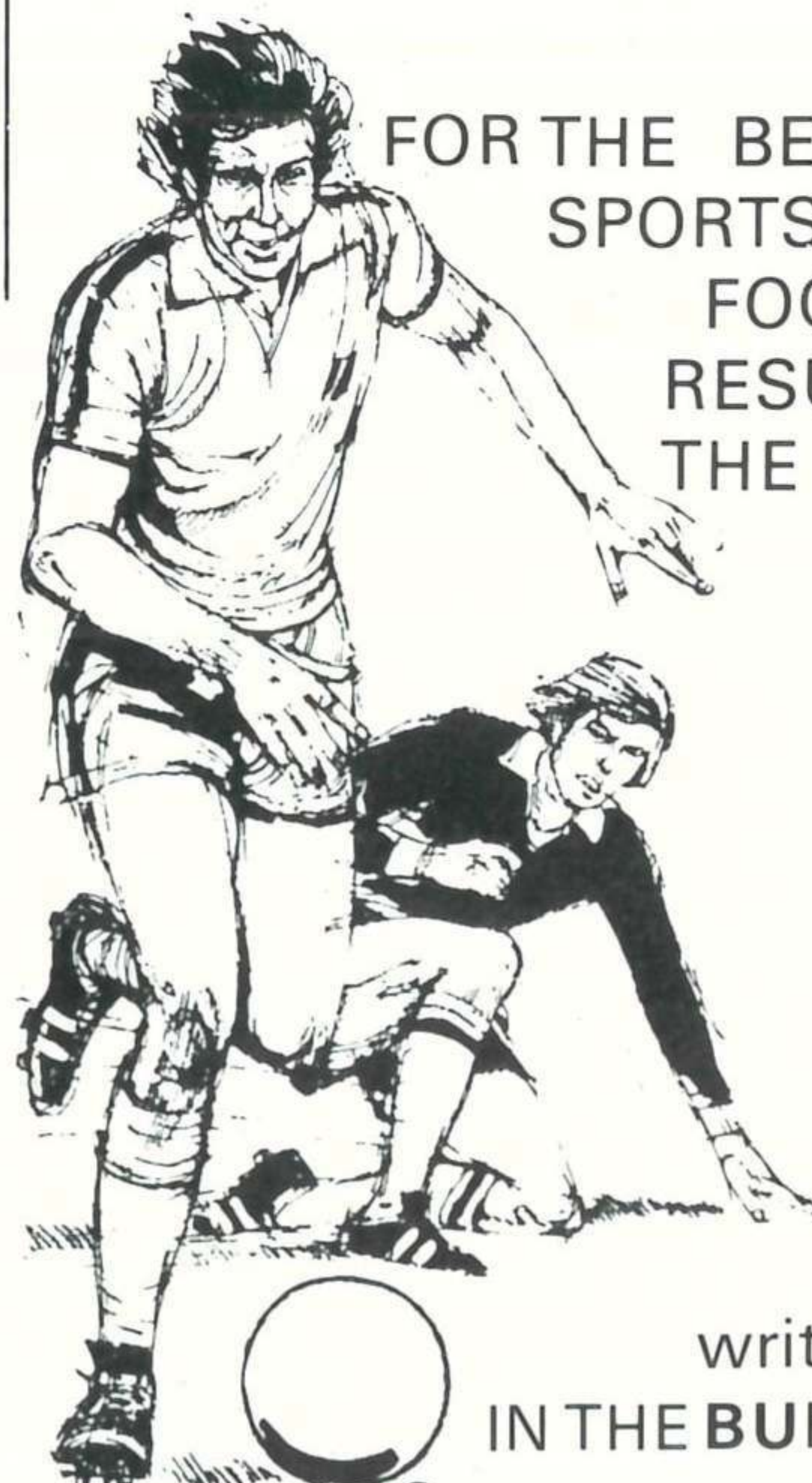
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Goalkeeper Jim McDonagh is the mainspring of the Wanderers' defence. Jim, or Seamus as he is known to the rest of the Wanderers' side, came to Bolton three seasons ago and quickly established himself in the side as well as becoming a great favourite with the fans. In the Wanderers' promotion year he won the supporters' club player of the year contest and although he was a bargain £10,000 buy when he first came to the club he has proved to be worth his weight in gold.



PETER NICHOLSON

Defender Peter Nicholson is one of those versatile players every manager loves to have on his books. Over the years he has proved invaluable to the club, playing in most positions in the side and ever ready to give of his best. He has had opportunities to move away but has always put the Wanderers first and fortunately for the club it has paid off handsomely.



DAVID BURKE

Bolton's hopes of success for the future lie on the younger players, but one of them has already shown that he has the skill, talent and dedication to reach the top.

That's David Burke, a product of the Wanderers' junior academy, who has grasped the opportunity Ian Greaves has given him to establish a regular full-back place.

David has a great future in the game - there is no doubt about that. And his inclusion in the first team at such an early age proves that the Wanderers are prepared to give their talented youngsters every chance.

Another youngster to grab the opportunity to show off his talents is Chris Thompson.

Chris, normally recognised as a striker, fitted in admirably to Ian Greaves' plans to put him into the midfield, and he has established himself as a first team player who has a great future ahead of him.

Paul Jones has earned the respect and admiration of his team-mates and supporters by his determination to battle from the set-backs that afflict every football player's career. Injury and the occasional lapses in form have dogged Paul's career but the skilful central defender has refused to give in. Now he is an integral and vital part of the Wanderers' twin defensive plan.

His partner at the back is big Sam Allardyce, who despite being made

CHRIS THOMPSON



PAUL JONES

MORE FAVOURITES...

available for transfer at the beginning of the season has won his place back in the side with a series of determined displays which have won him the hearts of the fans and the admiration of the manager.



SAM ALLARDYCE

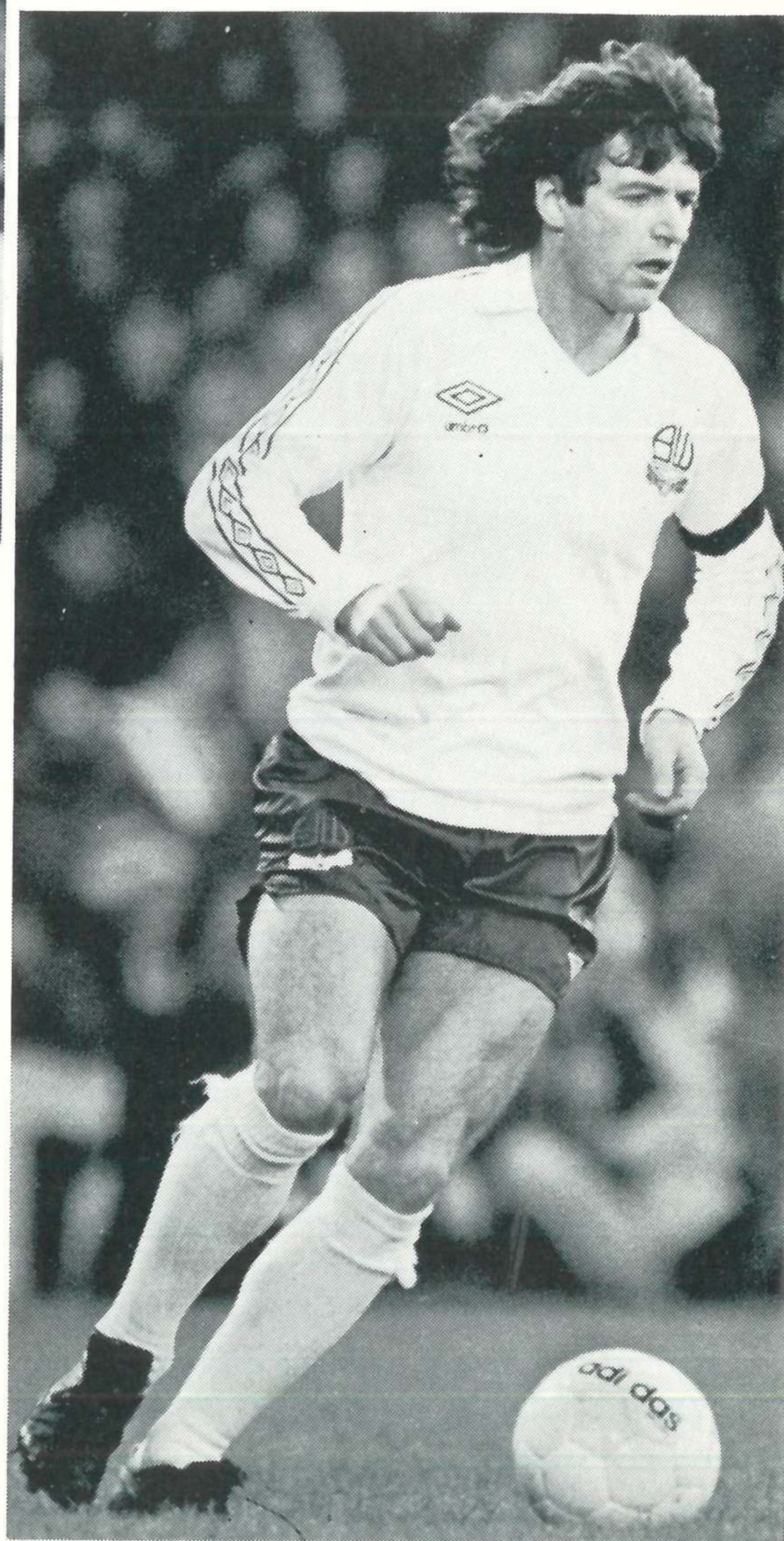


ROY GREAVES

Club skipper Roy Greaves is Bolton's longest serving professional but his loyalty to the club has never been questioned even when at the beginning of the season he lost his place in the side.

A Bolton player since he left school, Roy is eager that his home town club achieves success and his contribution to that over the years has never been in doubt.

The name of Willie Morgan is synonymous with success. He has achieved it throughout his career with clubs such as Burnley and Manchester United and he is determined that he can follow suit at Burnden.



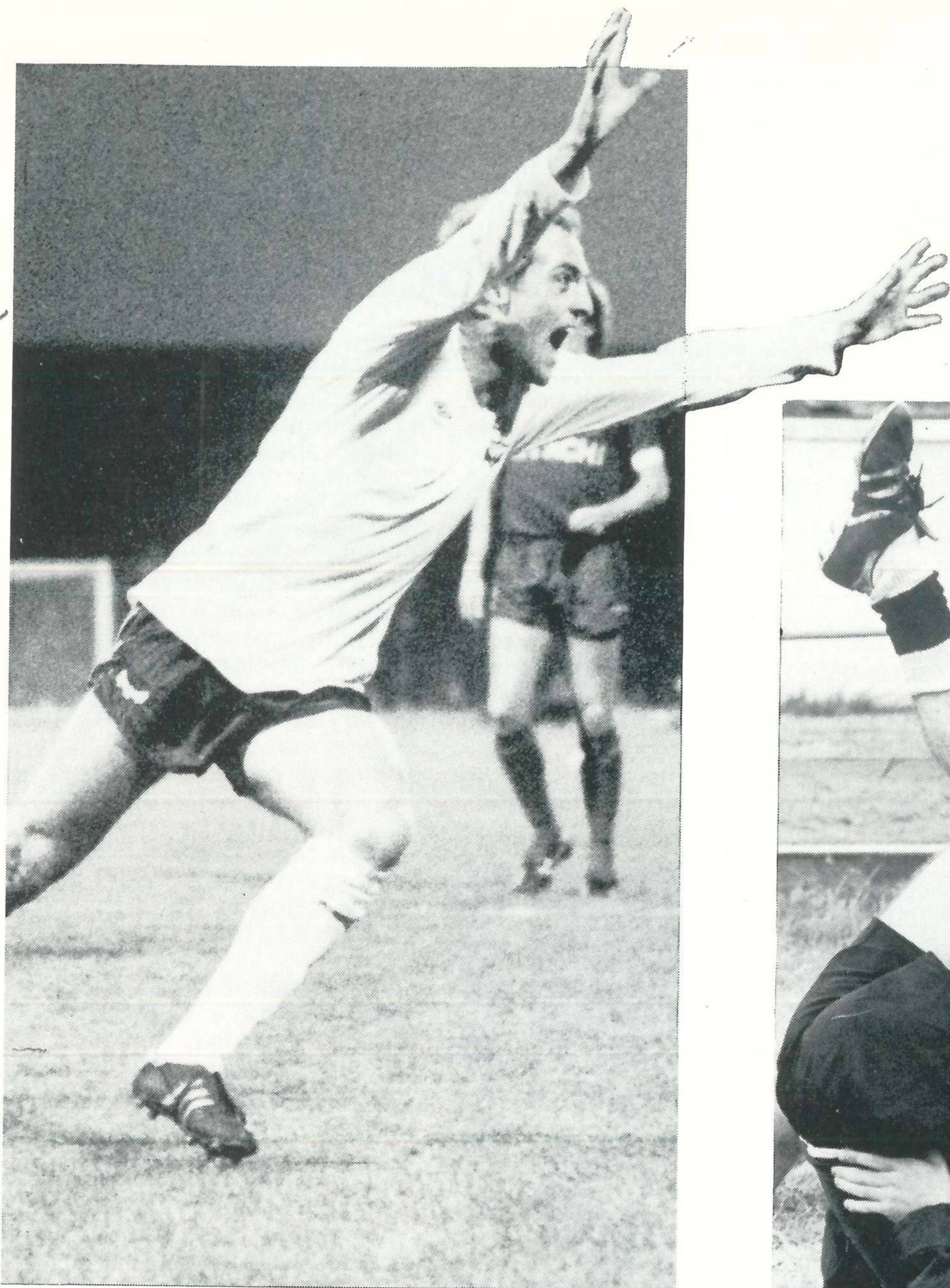
WILLIE MORGAN



ALAN GOWLING

Alan Gowling is one of soccer's most respected players. In his career at Manchester United, Huddersfield and Newcastle, before coming to Burnden Park, Alan established himself as a player's player, ever eager to back his fellow professionals in every phase of the game.

His never-say-die attitude is applicable to every facet of Bolton's fortunes and he is a feared striker held in respect by most of the First Division defences.



A delighted Neil Whatmore

Neil Whatmore has suffered the ups-and-downs of soccer but has never flinched in his personal ambition of succeeding as a top striker. He has a knack of finding space to knock in goals from seemingly impossible positions and, although he has also established himself as a skilful midfield player, his true role is up front where he can give opponents the most trouble.

If the Bolton fans have any particular favourites among the players then blond haired Mike Walsh is one of them.

Walsh, a graduate of the club's junior sides, has firmly established himself in the first team squad and has shown he is equally at home either in defence or midfield. This versatility has been beneficial to the side on numerous occasions this year and Walsh looks to be a stalwart of the side for many years to come.

Peter Reid is surely one of the unluckiest players in the game today.

An immensely talented midfield player, he was on the threshold of success and hoped of an international career when he badly injured his knee against Everton on New Year's Day. But Peter is not one to give up and slowly he has battled his way back to fitness and is now ready to pick up the threads of his career.

Peter Reid fighting for fitness



Jim McDonagh, Frank Worthington and Mike Walsh with their Player of the Year awards





1978-1979

By **GORDON SHARROCK** BOLTON EVENING NEWS

MANAGER Ian Greaves promised no miracles when his side regained their First Division status after a 15 year spell in the lower divisions.

In the end he was proved right, the Wanderers finishing in 17th position in the League, but for Greaves that was satisfaction enough. "We have not won any of the major prizes but we have won our pride and a rightful place in what is the toughest league in the world", he said.

All he asked from his side was for consolidation of their place in the First Division, and with no new signings during the close season most Bolton's fans were not expecting to take the soccer world by storm. Added manager Greaves: "What is

important for us is that we just retain our position in the First Division. We know we are a First Division side and it is up to us to prove that to the rest of the country".

The side's first game in the First Division was a home meeting with Bristol City, which on paper looked as if it could give the Wanderers a winning start to their campaign. But although Alan Gowling shot Bolton ahead the extra demands and pressures of the First Division were quickly rammed home when Bristol exploited a slow moving defence to score twice and take home both points.

The second game was a tough away encounter with Southampton, who had been promoted alongside

Bolton. The game ended in a 2-2 draw but it was significant because the two goals both came from Frank Worthington, the first of his 26 goal tally for the season.

A 4-0 hammering at The Hawthorns hardly boosted Bolton's confidence and they had to wait until September 9th and the home game against Derby before they were to register their first League win of the season.

A couple of weeks earlier they had beaten Chelsea 2-1 in the third round of the League Cup but that victory against Derby was the tonic Bolton needed and it started an unbeaten home run that only ended in November when they went down to a late winner by West Brom.

One big disappointment for the club was that they went out of the League Cup to Third Division side Exeter 2-1, in a scrappy game in Devon.

With League results hardly promising much the club badly wanted good cup runs, but that Exeter defeat was the sign of things to come, as Bolton went out of the FA Cup at the first hurdle, losing 3-1 to bogey side Bristol City at Ashton Gate.

Meanwhile the League campaign was approaching the crucial Christmas period and after a bad away defeat at Birmingham and a slender 1-0 defeat at home by high-riding Nottingham Forest, the fans were not in an altogether optimistic mood.

Yet the first game of December away at Queens Park Rangers was something of a turning point of Wanderers' fortunes.

Bolton hammered Rangers 3-1 for their first away win of the campaign while people also started to take notice of the goalscoring skills of Worthington. Frank scored two goals, one of them a superb solo effort, and that brought his total to date to 13, a fine achievement in a side still struggling to prove its First Division authority.

A 3-1 home win over Wolves was countered by a 3-0 defeat at Ipswich but the side provided the fans with some Christmas cheer soon afterwards with a 3-0 win over local rivals Manchester United, Worthington (2) and Alan Gowling netted the goals.

A satisfactory 1-1 draw at Middlesbrough on Boxing Day heralded a bright future for the New Year but it all went wrong as Everton came to Burnden on a wintry and snowy New Year's Day.

The game went ahead but it was a



It's that man Gowling again! Above, his 2nd goal in the 2-0 victory over Southampton (24th March 1979), and below his looping header clinches the 2-1 defeat of Q.P.R. (7th April 1979).



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tragedy for midfield man Peter Reid, whose injury in a collision with goalkeeper George Wood put the promising player out of action for the rest of the season. What made it worse to bear for the fans and the club was that the match was abandoned at half-time with the score 1-1, leaving most Bolton people wondering whether the game should really have been started.

The freezing weather allowed only one game to be played in January, the FA Cup defeat at Bristol City, while February was remarkable because only two games were played, a goalless draw at Norwich and a 2-1 home win over Chelsea.

By the time March came round Bolton were faced with a backlog of games and the prospect of playing twice a week with points badly needed.

But the side responded well, and after defeats at Manchester City,

Aston Villa and Derby embarked on a run that was to make sure of their First Division survival.

It started with a 2-0 win over League Cup finalists Southampton, then really took off when Arsenal, the FA Cup finalists were beaten 4-2 in a midweek game at Burnden.

Next came the toughest test of the season, the away game with European Cup finalists Nottingham Forest. Bolton took the lead through Alan Gowling and as time went on and the Bolton defence handled the Forest attack in confident manner it looked as if Brian Clough's men were to lose their unbeaten home record.

Unfortunately it wasn't to be as Trevor Francis, the game's first £1m player and long the scourge of Bolton, grabbed a desperate last minute equaliser to deny the Wanderers a superb victory.

Two home games against QPR and Everton produced two more wins,

then there was another resounding achievement when Wanderers went to Old Trafford and Frank Worthington grabbed both goals in a 2-1 win.

A home draw against Middlesbrough brought another point but a run which had brought 12 points out of a possible 14 ended with the 1-0 defeat at Everton on Easter Monday. Even so it had been enough to ensure First Division safety for the Wanderers and also given the club confidence that they could compete with the best clubs in the land.

The tail end of the season, however, brought Bolton back to earth with defeats by Liverpool, Ipswich, Leeds and Tottenham, but the side had achieved their target of staying in First Division, while Frank Worthington finished the season as the Division's top scorer with a total of 26 goals.

Frank Worthington blasts home the second of his two goals in the 2-1 defeat of Manchester United at Old Trafford (11th April 1979)



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STATISTICS SEASON 1978-79

1978-79 RESULTS

Date	Fixture	Result	Attendance
Aug.	19 H Bristol City	1-2	21,355
	22 A Southampton	2-2	21,059
	26 A West Brom	0-4	23,237
Sept.	29 H Chelsea (F.L. Cup 2)	2-1	10,449
	2 H Birmingham City	2-2	20,284
	9 H Derby County	2-1	20,331
	16 A Arsenal	0-1	31,024
	23 H Norwich	3-2	19,901
Oct.	30 A Liverpool	0-3	47,099
	4 H Exeter (F.L. Cup 3)	1-2	9,151
	7 H Leeds United	3-1	27,751
	14 A Chelsea	3-4	19,879
	21 H Manchester City	2-2	32,249
	28 A Tottenham	0-2	37,337
Nov.	4 H Coventry City	0-0	22,379
	11 A Bristol City	1-4	18,168
	18 H West Brom	0-1	22,273
	21 A Birmingham City	0-3	21,643
	25 H Nottingham Forest	0-1	25,692
Dec.	2 A Queens Park Rangers	3-1	11,635
	9 H Wolves	3-1	21,006
	16 A Ipswich Town	0-3	16,593
	22 H Manchester United	3-0	32,390
	26 A Middlesbrough	1-1	20,125
Jan.	9 A Bristol City (F.A. Cup 3)	1-3	16,896
Feb.	3 A Norwich City	0-0	15,369
	24 H Chelsea	2-1	19,457
Mar.	3 A Manchester City	1-2	41,127
	7 A Aston Villa	0-3	28,053
	17 A Coventry City	2-2	15,231
	21 A Derby County	0-3	15,227
	24 H Southampton	2-0	19,879
	26 H Arsenal	4-2	20,704
	31 A Nottingham Forest	1-1	29,015
April.	3 H Everton	3-1	27,263
	7 H Queens Park Rangers	2-1	21,119
	11 A Manchester United	2-1	49,617
	14 H Middlesbrough	0-0	22,621
	16 A Everton	0-1	31,214
	21 H Ipswich Town	2-3	20,073
	25 A Leeds United	1-5	20,218
	28 A Wolves	1-1	18,225
May	1 H Liverpool	1-4	35,200
	5 H Aston Villa	0-0	17,394
	8 H Tottenham	1-3	17,879

FINAL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE TABLE 1978-79

	Home			Away			
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	42	19	2	0	51	4	11
Nottingham Forest	42	11	10	0	34	10	8
W.B.A.	42	13	5	3	38	15	11
Everton	42	12	7	2	32	17	5
Leeds United	42	11	4	6	41	25	7
Ipswich Town	42	11	4	6	34	21	9
Arsenal	42	11	8	2	37	18	6
Aston Villa	42	8	9	4	37	26	7
Manchester United	42	9	7	5	29	25	6
Coventry City	42	11	7	3	41	29	3
Tottenham	42	7	8	6	19	25	6
Middlesbrough	42	10	5	6	33	21	5
Bristol City	42	11	6	4	34	19	4
Southampton	42	9	10	2	35	20	3
Manchester City	42	9	5	7	34	28	4
Norwich City	42	7	10	4	29	19	0
Bolton Wanderers	42	10	5	6	36	28	2
Wolverhampton	42	10	4	7	26	26	3
Derby County	42	8	5	8	25	25	2
Q.P.R.	42	4	9	8	24	33	2
Birmingham City	42	5	9	7	24	25	1
Chelsea	42	3	5	13	23	42	2

FINAL CENTRAL LEAGUE TABLE 1978-79

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	42	30	7	5	89	34	67
Nottingham Forest	42	26	6	10	82	38	58
Stoke City	42	23	11	8	65	45	57
Manchester City	42	23	9	10	70	45	55
Wolves	42	21	11	10	79	42	53
W.B.A.	42	18	12	12	80	51	48
Coventry City	42	19	8	15	87	71	46
Sheffield Wednesday	42	19	6	17	74	68	44
Leeds United	42	14	16	12	50	49	44
Aston Villa	42	16	11	15	67	54	43
Manchester United	42	17	9	16	66	58	43
Derby County	42	17	9	16	67	64	43
Everton	42	18	7	17	50	49	43
Burnley	42	15	9	18	42	56	39
Huddersfield	42	13	11	18	52	58	37
Blackburn	42	11	13	18	53	69	35
Bolton	42	11	13	18	61	83	35
Sheffield United	42	12	8	22	55	88	33
Newcastle	42	12	6	24	41	72	32
Blackpool	42	11	6	25	44	68	28
Bury	42	9	4	29	54	104	22
Preston North End	42	6	7	29	46	107	19

CENTRAL LEAGUE RESULTS 1978-79

	Aug.	19	A	Stoke City	F	A
	22	H	Preston	0-1		
	26	H	Newcastle	3-0		
Sept.	2	A	West Brom	0-3		
	16	H	Derby County	0-6		
	19	A	Wolves	1-1		
	23	A	Blackpool	1-5		
	26	A	Burnley	4-0		
	30	H	Liverpool	0-2		
Oct.	7	A	Blackburn	2-5		
	14	H	Leeds United	0-2		
	21	A	Manchester City	1-1		
	28	H	Sheffield Wed.	1-1		
Nov.	4	A	Coventry City	2-1		
	11	H	Stoke City	6-5		
	18	A	Newcastle	2-2		
	25	A	Aston Villa	1-3		
Dec.	16	H	Everton	3-1		
	26	H	Sheffield Utd	0-0		
	30	H	Manchester Utd	0-0		
Feb.	10	A	Liverpool	3-0		
	24	A	Leeds Utd	0-3		
Mar.	28	H	Bury	1-0		
	3	H	Manchester City	3-1		
	6	A	Huddersfield	1-2		
	10	A	Sheffield Wed	0-1		
	14	H	West Brom	3-3		
	17	H	Coventry City	1-1		
	21	H	Blackpool	4-6		
	24	A	Preston	1-1		
	31	H	Aston Villa	1-2		
Apr.	7	A	Bury	0-0		
	10	H	Burnley	3-1		
	14	A	Sheffield Utd	3-2		
	16	H	Wolves	3-3		
	18	H	Blackburn	2-1		
	21	A	Everton	2-2		
	23	A	Derby County	0-3		
	25	H	Huddersfield	0-2		
	28	H	Nottingham Forest	0-0		
May	5	A	Manchester Utd	1-5		
	14	A	Nottingham Forest	3-2		

DIVISION ONE STATISTICS 1978-79

Most Goals:
Liverpool 7 Tottenham 0 2-9-78
W.B.A. 7 Coventry 1 21-10-78
Middlesbrough 7 Chelsea 2 16-12-78
Away Win:
Tottenham 0 Arsenal 5 23-12-78
Man. United 3 W.B.A. 5 30-12-78

FIXTURES SEASON 1979-80

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FIXTURES 1979-80			F	A
Date	Ground	Opponents		
Aug	18 H	Aston Villa		
	21 A	Liverpool		
	25 H	Southampton		
Sept	29	League Cup 2 (1L)		
	1 A	Brighton & Hove A.		
	5 H	League Cup 2 (2L)		
	8 H	West Bromwich Albion		
	15 A	Coventry City		
	22 H	Leeds United		
	26	League Cup 3		
	29 A	Norwich		
Oct	6 A	Derby County		
	9 H	Liverpool		
	13 H	Arsenal		
	20 A	Nottingham Forest		
	27 H	Crystal Palace		
	31	League Cup 4		
Nov	3 A	Aston Villa		
	10 A	Tottenham Hotspur		
	17 H	Manchester City		
	24 A	Stoke City (1)		
Dec	1 H	Bristol City		
	5	League Cup 5		
	8 A	Wolverhampton W.		
	15 H	Ipswich Town (2)		
	21 A	Middlesbrough		
	26 H	Everton		
	29 A	Southampton		
1980				
Jan	1 A	Manchester United		
	5	F.A. Cup 3		
	12 H	Brighton & Hove A.		
	16	League Cup SF		
	19 A	West Bromwich Albion		
	26	F.A. Cup 4		
Feb	2 H	Coventry City		
	9 A	Leeds United		
	13	League Cup SF		
	16 H	Norwich City (5)		
	23 A	Arsenal		
Mar	1 H	Nottingham Forest		
	8 A	Crystal Palace (6)		
	14 H	Derby County		
	15	League Cup Final		
	22 H	Tottenham Hotspur		
	29 A	Manchester City		
Apr	4			
	5 A	Everton		
	7 H	Manchester United		
	8 H	Middlesbrough		
	12 A	Bristol City (SF)		
	19 H	Stoke City		
	26 A	Ipswich Town		
May	3 H	Wolverhampton W.		
	10	F.A. Cup Final		

CENTRAL LEAGUE FIXTURES 1979-80			F	A
Aug.	21 H	Burnley		
	25 A	Blackpool		
Sept	1 H	Blackburn Rovers		
	11 A	Coventry City		
	15 H	West Brom		
	18 H	Manchester Utd		
	22 A	Leeds Utd		
	29 H	Nottingham Forest		
Oct	3 A	Manchester Utd		
	6 A	Preston NE		
	9 A	Burnley		
	13 A	Liverpool		
	20 H	Sheffield Wed		
	24 A	Stoke City		
	27 A	Bury		
Nov	3 H	Aston Villa		
	5 A	Aston Villa		
	10 H	Newcastle Utd		
	17 A	Manchester City		
	24 H	Sheffield Utd		
Dec	1 A	Everton		
	8 H	Wolves		
	15 H	Derby County		
	21 H	Huddersfield Town		
	29 H	Blackpool		
Jan	12 A	Blackburn Rovers		
	19 H	Coventry City		
Feb	2 A	West Brom		
	9 H	Leeds Utd		
	16 A	Nottingham Forest		
	23 H	Liverpool		
Mar	1 A	Sheffield Wed		
	8 H	Bury		
	22 A	Newcastle Utd		
	25 A	Preston NE		
	29 H	Manchester City		
Apr	5 H	Stoke City		
	7 A	Huddersfield Town		
	12 H	Everton		
	19 A	Sheffield Utd		
	26 H	Derby County		
May	3 A	Wolves		

DIV. ONE STATISTICS 1978-79

Best Gate:
56,136 Man. Utd. v B'ham 20-8-78

Lowest Gates:
9,600 Q.P.R. v Birmingham 7-5-79
9,899 Q.P.R. v Middlesbrough 20-1-79
9,819 Q.P.R. v Ipswich 11-5-79

'A' LANCASHIRE LEAGUE FIXTURES			F	A
Aug	18 A	Burnley 'A'		
	22 H	Macclesfield Town Res		
	25 H	Bradford City Res		
Sept	1 A	Macclesfield Town Res		
	8 H	Chester 'A'		
	15 A	Morecambe Res		
	29 H	Oldham Athletic Res		
Oct	1 A	Wigan Athletic Res		
	6 H	Carlisle Utd Res		
	13 H	Manchester Utd 'A'		
	20 A	Rochdale Res		
	27 A	Southport Res		
Nov	3 H	Crewe Alexandra 'A'		
	10 A	Liverpool 'A'		
	17 H	Altrincham Res		
	24 A	Bradford City Res		
Dec	1 H	Wrexham Res		
	8 A	Manchester City 'A'		
	15 H	Morecambe Res		
	21 A	Everton 'A'		
	26 A	Chester 'A'		
	29 H	Southport Res		
Jan	1 A	Manchester Utd 'A'		
	5 H	Burnley 'A'		
	12 H	Rochdale Res		
	19 H	Tranmere Rover Res		
	26 A	Altrincham		
Feb	2 A	Oldham Athletic Res		
	9 H	Port Vale Res		
	16 A	Port Vale Res		
	23 H	Manchester City 'A'		
Mar	8 H	Stockport C 'A'		
	14 A	Stockport C 'A'		
	22 H	Everton 'A'		
	29 A	Carlisle Utd Res		
Apr	5 H	Wigan Athletic Res		
	7 A	Tranmere Rover Res		
	8 A	Crewe Alexandra 'A'		
	12 A	Wrexham Res		
	26 H	Liverpool 'A'		

DIVISION ONE HOT SHOTS 1978-79

WORTHINGTON, Bolton 26

DALGLISH, Liverpool 25

STAPLETON, Arsenal 24

BROWN A., W.B.A. 23

BIRTLES, Nott'm Forest 20

JOHNSON, Liverpool 18

LATCHFORD, Everton 17

GREENHOFF J. Man. Utd. 17

HAWLEY, Leeds Utd. 17

APPEARANCES			App	Goals
	Allardyce		18	1
	Burke		19	1
	Dunne		24	
	Gowling		36	16
	Graham		9	
	Greaves		41	1
	Jones (P)		31	1
	McDonagh		42	
	McNab		22	3
	Morgan		41	2
	Nicholson		34	
	Nowak		1	
	Reid		14	
	Smith		18	2
	Train		5	
	Walsh		42	1
	Whatmore		23	3
	Worthington		42	
	Jones (G) 1 appearance as substitute			26 (6 pens.)

DIV. ONE ATTENDANCES 1978-79			Home	Away
	Arsenal		763,793	595,970
	Aston Villa		689,589	576,368
	Birmingham City		423,439	547,188
	Bolton Wanderers		520,216	531,488
	Bristol City		468,428	519,047
	Chelsea		520,426	554,570
	Coventry City		475,388	532,162
	Derby County		452,654	524,867
	Everton		744,571	648,732
	Ipswich Town		455,125	513,462
	Leeds Utd.		580,291	641,741
	Liverpool		974,541	775,895
	Manchester City		760,256	591,612
	Manchester Utd.		975,029	637,829
	Middlesbrough		387,649	496,425
	Norwich City		375,364	486,737
	Nott'ham Forest		621,330	673,335
	Q.P.R.		342,021	497,233
	Southampton		447,921	516,084
	Tottenham		732,932	693,212
	W.B.A.		556,864	592,532
	Wolverhampton		436,722	558,060
	Totals		12,704,549	12,704,549

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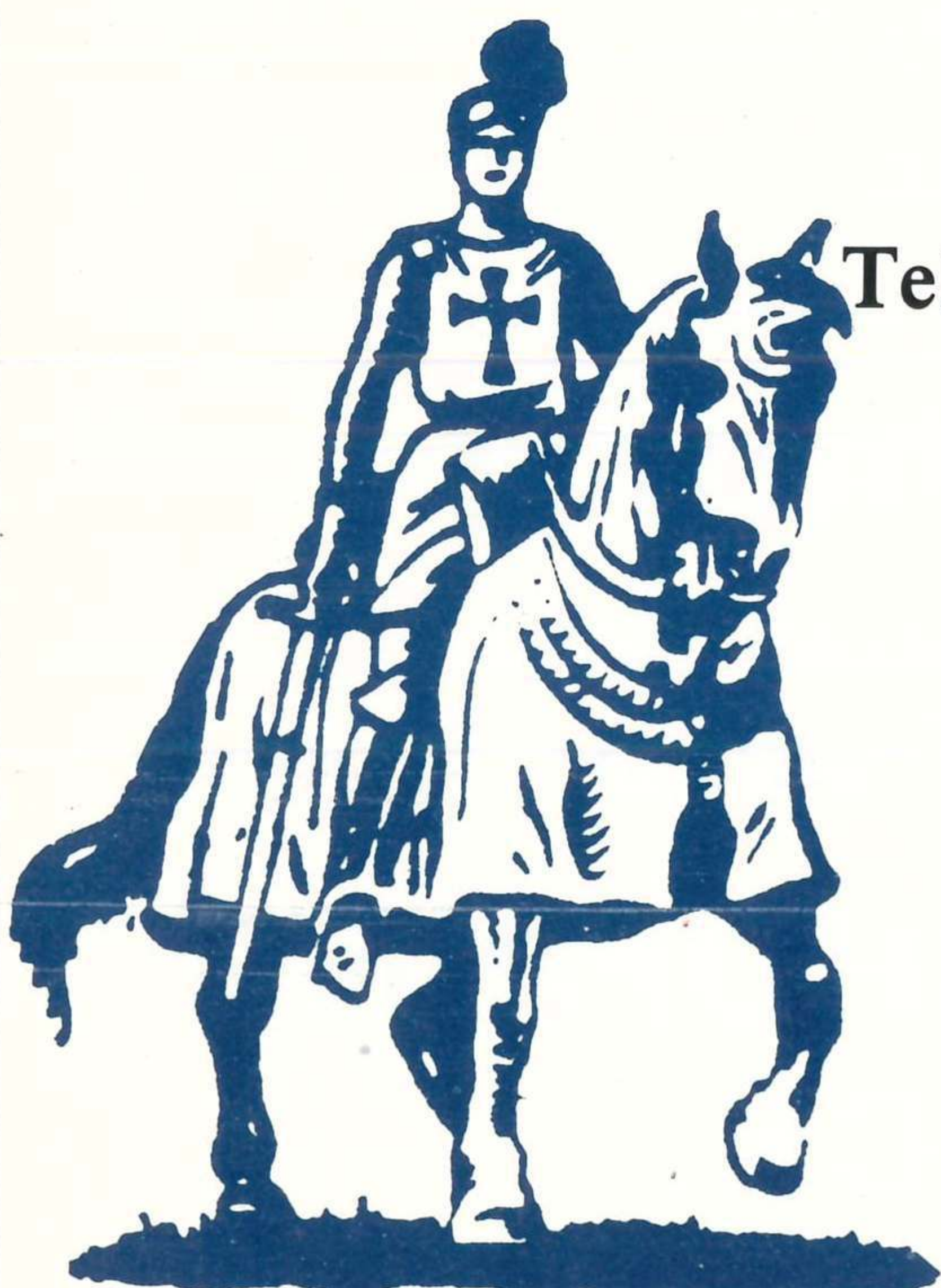
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